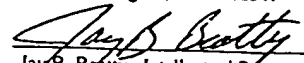


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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Applicant:** Christie, et al.  
**Application No.:** 08/754,349  
**Title:** "TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM"  
**Filed:** November 22, 1996

## DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs,

I, Jay B. Beatty, hereby declare:

On December 19, 1996 I sent a copy of the above mentioned application papers associated with the U.S. Patent application entitled "Telecommunications System" (specification, claims, drawings and declaration) using Airborne Express overnight service to Joseph S. Christie and Jean M. Christie care of their daughter Patricia Klejka. A copy of the Airborne Express mailing label is included as Exhibit B.

I received the unsigned Declaration and a written express refusal to sign the Declaration with signatures of Joseph S. Christie and Jean M. Christie. The express refusal states that Joseph S. Christie and Jean M. Christie refused to sign the Declaration because they lacked the knowledge necessary to execute the Declaration. The unsigned Declaration is attached as Exhibit C. The express refusal is attached as Exhibit D.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true;

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Date: 2-27-97

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## DECLARATION AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship is as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled " Telecommunications System ," the specification of which was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended herewith or, if not identified here by filing date and serial number, is attached hereto. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a). I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate by me or my representatives or assigns for this invention having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ priority claimed ( ) Yes ( ) No

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## DECLARATION ON BEHALF OF DECEASED INVENTOR

As a joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed for and which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM," the specification of which was filed on November 22, 1996, as Application Serial No. 08/754,349. Upon information and belief, I hereby declare the following on behalf of the deceased co-inventor Joseph Michael Christie:

- I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the above entitled invention.
- I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.
- I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a).
- I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 USC 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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